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At a special assembly held at the school Thursday of last week, Ross Ford students expressed what they wanted to be when they grow up. Kyle Basarab, donning a helmet, is ready to go out and collect a wage. The most seen costume at the event was "hockey player".

## HEALTH AUTHORITIES

# Mayor Moore will lobby for Calgary Health Region

*Calgary region would be better for hospital, says Mayor*

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury Mayor Dorothy Moore will meet with Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar on Feb. 6 in an attempt to persuade him to move Didsbury into the Calgary Health Region.

Moore, who will bring a petition signed by area residents to the meeting, said the Didsbury Hospital would have a brighter future if the town was in the Calgary region.

"The reason I am doing this is because we worked so well with Calgary when we were our own district," said Moore - who says she has the unofficial support of the entire Council on the move.

The Didsbury Hospital coordinated its services with Calgary hospitals. This proved to be especially effective when there was a traffic accident on the highway. Patients were stabilized in Didsbury before being moved to Calgary.

"When we were put into the Drumheller region we took a step backwards - in procedures and methods. We also had problems with the previous administration," said Moore pointing to the fight to keep the Didsbury Hospital in late 1999 and early 2000.

Now that we have been put in with Red Deer we don't

know what our future is going to be. I am more prepared to go with Calgary.

Moore also argues that Calgary doctors would love to use the Didsbury facility which is the first hospital in the highway #2 corridor North of Calgary. She said Mar on a visit to Didsbury at the end of 2002 said rural hospitals could be turned into specialized centres.

"I think the people of Didsbury would welcome that," said Moore.

Moore said the more the Didsbury Hospital is used the

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- Dorothy Moore

more certain its future would be. She believes people in Northern Calgary would use the hospital more if it was in the Calgary region.

It is unlikely the provincial government will change the boundaries at this time after they have been recently finalized. She does hope that when changes are made down the road her message is still ringing loud.

Moore said she is extremely disappointed at how quickly the decision was made to finalize the boundaries and wishes input was sought sooner.



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## WEEKLY SPECIALS

# NEWS



Al Martin, the current CEO of Health Authority 5, told Rosebud Health Foundation members he would not be employed with the new larger Health Authority No. 4 region.

## Respected health authority CEO Al Martin will move on

*Martin improved communications after hospital fight*

by Richard Westlund

Health Authority 5 CEO Al Martin announced last week he would not be the new chief administrator of Health Authority No. 4 - the newly-expanded health region Didsbury falls into.

Martin said after transition, expected to take place April 1, he will be out of a job for the first time in 31 years. John Vogelzang, the current CEO of the David Thompson Health Region will become interim CEO of Health Authority No. 4.

Martin replaced CEO Jim Ramsbottom in the early parts of 2000. Ramsbottom retired shortly after a plan to close acute care in the Didsbury

Hospital went awry.

The hospital crises did little for the relationship between the health authority and concerned Town of Didsbury residents.

But a change in attitude and dialogue did not go unnoticed by town officials during Martin's two-year tenure in Didsbury following the hospital fight.

"We tried to improve the relationship in this area and I think we did that," said Martin.

Those in attendance at the meeting were appreciative of those efforts.

"Coming from Didsbury and seeing what the other CEO did or didn't do, we appreciate the relationship we had with you and your effort to deal with the area. I am sorry to see you are taking your good words with you," said Didsbury Town Councillor Gary Dolha. "I would like to commend you for your work and wish you the very best in the future."

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- Al Martin  
Health Authority 5  
CEO

Rosebud Health Foundation Chair John Overwater said he appreciated that Martin was always up front and honest with the group and hope the relationship with the next CEO is as good.

Martin is a former CEO of the David Thompson Health Region and served as an interim CEO of the Calgary Regional Health Authority. He has also served on numerous provincial health committees.



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## WEST NILE VIRUS

## Horse owners consider West Nile vaccinations

*Owners weighing risk against cost*

by Richard Westlund

With the expectation that the West Nile Virus may arrive in Alberta this summer, local horse owners are debating whether to vaccinate their horses.

Horse owners are weighing the cost of vaccinating their animals against the potential risk of one of their animals contracting the virus this year.

"We are going to pick and choose what horses are going to get the shot," said Sharon Barr, a Didsbury-area quarter horse owner who expects to pay \$30 per shot.

"We will be vaccinating our cutting horses and breeding stock."

Barr said some of the older horses on the farm may not get the shot.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause swelling of the brain, spinal cord and surrounding tissue in birds, horses and humans. Clinical signs in a horse can be as small as listlessness or loss of appetite and as serious as partial paralysis, fever or death.

The death rate of a sick horse is 30 to 35 per cent.

Vaccinated horses are given



Some area horses will be vaccinated for the West Nile Virus this year.

file photo by Richard Westlund

two initial shots three to six weeks apart. About two to four weeks after the second shot, the horse is deemed to be protected by the virus. Larger herds could mean a large vaccination bill for owners.

Kim Pross, who owns six quarter-horses, said she will vaccinate but may also do so

selectively. Pross said she realizes that it is unlikely one of her horses would contract West Nile, but believes there is enough of a risk that she should make an effort to protect at least some of her horses.

"I believe it is going to end up here. Some people have been saying that our dry weather

has halted it over the past few years. I think with a wet year we could see it."

West Nile was first discovered on the North American continent in New York in 1999. It has spread further west every year and reached Saskatchewan last year with ten horses in the province being diagnosed.

Dr. Laureen Hall, from Krebs and Co. Veterinary Services - a Didsbury business, said it is presumed to be in Alberta this summer.

She said if people wait for a confirmed case in Alberta before they vaccinate their horses, there will be a two-month window where the horse is not protected after the first vaccination.

"It is going to be an individual choice," said Hall. "Producers are going to have to take into account their risk, the value and the number of their horses."

"They, ultimately, will make that decision," Hall said. Birds are the primary hosts of West Nile and in most birds the virus has little or no clinical affect. Members of the corvid family (magpies, crows, ravens, jays) are susceptible to infections that are often fatal.

The virus spreads from birds to other animals through mosquitoes. Horses and humans are considered "dead-end" hosts meaning the virus can not be spread from one mammal to another.

In addition to the vaccination, other steps can be taken to protect horses, says Hall.

"Other methods of protection include limiting a horse's exposure to mosquitoes, like eliminating nearby stagnant water sources or using repellents or blankets during peak mosquito times."

## HEALTH

## MLA Marz will push for elected health authority members

*MLA will have some input in choosing board members*

by Richard Westlund

Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills MLA Richard Marz said he will do what he can to see that the new, expanded health board is represented by members elected by the public.

Speaking at the Rosebud Health Foundation annual general meeting in Didsbury last week, Marz said he will have input as to who will serve on the board for Health Region No. 4.

"MLAs will have input in the choice of the new boards but they are going to revert to appointed boards in the future," said Marz.

"I have a problem with that and spoke against that and will continue to do so."

"Who will I support as board members? Some worked very

hard to be elected and I am going to recognize that and will be supporting them."

The new Central Alberta Region includes Red Deer, Drumheller, Olds and Rocky Mountain House and serves over 400,000 people. Chairs have been appointed to the nine regions by Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar but the remainder of the board members have yet to be decided.

Marz said all of the MLAs that represent constituents in the new regions will have input into the process. In the end he hopes Didsbury, Olds and Three Hills have representation on the boards.

"I don't know what my colleagues would like to do but I would like to make sure my area is adequately protected," he said.

Marz said the board member numbers could range from seven to 15 and that the new boards will start their work on April 1.

Marz said the appointed and elected board members of Health Authority 5 worked very well together in the past.

## EDUCATION

## Didsbury students receive \$20,100 in provincial scholarships

by Richard Westlund

Ten recipients in Didsbury will share \$20,100 in provincial scholarships this year the Provincial government announced last week.

Under the Alexander Rutherford scholarship program Aleah Dunfield, Joshua Forestell, Amy Lynn, Robert McWhinney and Greg Overguard will receive \$2,500 scholarships. Katherine Ahlf, Peter Casurella and Chelsie Poffenroth will receive \$1,200 each.

The Alexander Rutherford scholarships recognize students that achieve an average of 80 per cent or better in their Grade 10, 11 and 12 years.

Elsie Faryna and Michael McTavish received

\$2,500 Louise McKinney Post-Secondary Scholarships which is awarded to undergraduate post-secondary students.

"We are proud of our students and their achievements," said DHS principal Steve Thompson.

"Their hard work will provide a strong foundation for future success with post-secondary studies and some needed financial assistance," he added.

More than 8,400 Alberta students were recognized with \$15.5 million in Rutherford scholarships this year - an increase of 700 students over last year. Nine hundred Louise McKinney scholarships have been handed out so far this year.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Didsbury singer/song writer will be special guest in Divas presentation

A Didsbury singer/song writer will be a special guest in a variety show dubbed Three Divas Live this Friday at a local bar.

Paige Connell of Didsbury will join three other women from Olds and Calgary to perform the show that features songs from the 1930s to the

present.

Also starring in the show is Thersa Conroy of Olds and Jony Delaurier and Genny Lydiatt - both from Calgary. All women in the show are singer/song writers.

Connell said she has performed the show with Conroy but this is the first time all four

women are combining their efforts for the production.

"It will feature a broad spectrum of music and the women are very talented," said Connell. "It will be a very good, entertaining night."

The show starts at 9 p.m. this Friday at Our Rose Lounge.

# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## Pushing our limits



**RICHARD WESTLUND**  
EDITORIAL

Watching the images of the Columbia Space Shuttle disintegrate in the air as it was coming down to earth instantly took me back 17 years.

I was nine-years-old when the Challenger Space Shuttle exploded moments after takeoff killing its entire crew including a Canadian teacher. I can't tell you much about my life as a nine-year-old but I can vividly remember watching the television on that infamous day in history.

There aren't many who don't dream about one day travelling into space and after this disaster I don't see that changing.

Astronauts are heroes by default. Their courage is enough to make us watch in awe. But it is the concept of expanding the limitations of humanity which make those elite individuals special.

What was witnessed on the weekend is a day in history we will remember always. It is something I will tell my kids about and how the world mourned in the following days.

And the world will mourn, the incident will be investigated and blame will be delegated somewhere, but the set back will not stop humanity from moving forward. It will not stop humans from making even bigger strides. By nature we are a creature that must go further and higher and we will continue to measure ourselves by what we have accomplished in the past.

Also dominating the newspapers over the weekend and into the beginning of the work week was the story about the Calgary-area students that died in an avalanche. The seven students that perished are also reflective of our need to experience new worlds, like the astronauts, but on a smaller scale. The only way something like this would not happen is if we didn't feel the need to explore - to lift that rock to see what is crawling underneath.

Our hearts go out to the families that are directly and indirectly affected by these two disasters. But we will learn and move onward.

Up, up and away.



## Another pay raise for MLAs

Alberta MLAs may get their fourth raise in less than two years this February, if the federal government increases the maximum annual RSP contribution limit. If Ottawa raises the maximum limit from \$13,500 to \$21,000 in its budget next month, Alberta MLAs will get an extra \$3,750 per year, paid for by Alberta taxpayers.

But how is it possible for a decision made in Ottawa to result in Alberta taxpayers paying more money to their provincial MLAs?

In August of 2001 the PC, NDP and Liberal MLAs on the Members' Services Committee voted unanimously to start paying themselves an "RSP allowance" based on 50% of the maximum allowable RSP contribution limit, which was then \$13,500. Suddenly, without any public input or consultation, all 83 MLAs started receiving an extra \$6,750 per year, paid for by Alberta taxpayers.

"We don't have a pension plan," said the MLAs in 2001, as if every person has a God-given right to work for a generous employer who pays for a pension plan. But in fact most Albertans don't have a pension plan. Most Albertans, if they don't want to be entirely dependent on what the Canada Pension "Plan" might pay them someday, must save up for their own pensions themselves.

In any case, it was the choice of MLAs in 1993 to abolish their pension plan, even though tens of thousands of Albertans were only asking that the plan be scaled back to something reasonable. If MLAs really needed and deserved a pension plan, why did Premier Klein get rid of it just prior to the 1993 provincial election? Why did Premier Klein abolish the MLA pension plan loudly and publicly in 1993 and then stay out of

sight when an "RSP allowance" was quietly introduced in 2001?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is not opposed to MLAs having a reasonable pension plan, or an "RSP allowance," or a pay increase. But MLA compensation must be the result of a fair, open and transparent process which allows for public input and consultation.

This current policy of setting MLAs' "RSP allowance" at 50% of the maximum annual contribution limit has the practical effect of enabling Liberal Finance Minister John Manley to increase (or decrease) the remuneration received by Alberta MLAs and paid for by Alberta taxpayers. Alberta's MLAs should not have delegated this power to federal politicians 2,500 miles away.

Alberta taxpayers - including MLAs - would do better if Alberta followed the examples of B.C., Manitoba and Ontario. These provinces pay their politicians a straight salary, just like a salary earned by anyone else, without a tax-free allowance and without an "RSP allowance."

However, as long as Alberta's MLAs insist on paying themselves a separate "RSP allowance," its amount should be determined in Alberta by Albertans, and not according to the whims of federal tax policy.

The Members' Services Committee meets on Tuesday January 29. In the interest of transparency and accountability, the PC, NDP and Liberal MLAs on this committee will (hopefully) change the current policy. This will be their last chance to do so before the federal budget next month.

**John Carpay**  
Canadian Taxpayers Federation

## Wonderings of the heart

### A Dreamer

by Margaret Fradley

Recently my husband asked me a question that caused me to "ponder". I share this question with you. He asked "Do you consider yourself a dreamer?" - I had never considered myself as a dreamer, but he then said he had read a short article where the writer had described a dreamer as one who can't keep up with others who go the fast pace; they need time to stroll, needs time to look around; to feel the warmth of the sun; and the light summer breeze; needs time to ponder, pausing here and there; time to pray and time just to stand or sit in wonder.

I suppose I could add they need time to just discover who they are, and what they are meant to be doing. Although I had never thought of myself as a dreamer, after hearing this definition, I began to think - yes, perhaps I do qualify.

The writer ended by saying "the 'dreamer' who comes along in his or her slow time does finally arrive." It matters not to which group we belong, what matters is that we can all discover the beauty that lies around us, be sensitive to one another's needs, and have time just to 'be'. Each is gifted in their own way, and accomplishes that which is before him in his or her own way, that makes life so interesting - words from the 'dreamer' -



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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## War in Iraq is not the only way says Didsburian

Dear Editor,

Five years ago I visited Iraq as part of a Mennonite Central Committee delegation bringing food and medicines to people in need. We found ordinary Iraqi people to be warm, hospitable and generous just like most people in Didsbury who are concerned for the well being of their families and community. Young people from Didsbury sent along care packages which were delivered to children suffering from leukemia in a Baghdad hospital. I visited the bomb shelter where over 300 women and children were incinerated by a bomb, saw photos of some of the children who perished that fateful night in February 1991 and talked to a mother whose

children were killed that night. Like all parents who lose a child to the violence of others, this mother's loss reminded me of the Biblical story of Herod's slaughter of children in Bethlehem - "Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted because they are no more."

We also passed a neighbourhood where bombs were mistakenly dropped and family members were killed.

I learned that the leukemia rate among children had increased fivefold after the Gulf War and that the likely cause was the use of "depleted uranium" by coalition forces - a product of our own nuclear programs. Due to the United Nations sanctions, many of

the necessities for water purification, sanitation, and electricity generation were lacking. Farm tractors could not be repaired because the mechanical parts were considered "dual use" and supposedly might have military application. Pencils could not be imported at one point because the graphite was also considered "dual use."

Others who have travelled to Iraq recently bring back similar stories. Dr. David Swann of Alberta recently visited Baghdad and also reported on the tenuous infrastructure for clean water, sanitation and medical care. He warns that a war will be a catastrophe for the people of Iraq who barely survive now.

While Saddam Hussein is a

tyrant who has led his country into two devastating wars and gassed his own people, we need to remember that most of his arms and technology were supplied by Western countries.

There was no protest by the United States and Great Britain against his brutality when he gassed his own people because Iraq was an ally at the time and fighting Iran. Many analysts say that Saddam and the West equally share the blame for the tragic

situation of the Iraqi people.

Canada should say a firm "No" to war with Iraq and be critical of the way a crisis has been created to promote war which will kill and injure thousands of human beings. Pianist Anton Kuerti, said "The world will not become a safer place because a country with a vast arsenal of weapons of mass destruction uses its military might to bomb others that it alleges are developing the same weaponry."

see IRAQ Page 6

## County MPC should attend NRCB hearing to give "Municipal input"

Dear Editor,

I have some thoughts in response to last weeks article regarding AAA Cattle Co.

The hearing set for Feb 5, 6 & (if necessary 7th) gives the County's MPC one last opportunity to have input into a large development within County boundaries. I quote the Agriculture minister Shirley McClellan from a Jan 15/03 letter to the editor in the Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune, "The NRCB views Municipal input as very important in assisting it in making the best possible decisions." This suggests our MPC should put attendance at the hearing as a high priority. I think it merits re-scheduling the Wed. morning MPC meeting to a different time in order to have full participation by the MPC at the NRCB hearing. This will be one of the first challenges to the new Legislation (AOPA) where we believe the NRCB will be required to deny an application because it does not meet "The Best Science". AAA has requested that the NRCB grant a Variance to the act to allow them to build at less than minimum thickness for the feedlot floor and runoff catchbasin. If the MPC had put forward their own hydrogeologists view of this project, it would add greater weight to the argument against this requested Variance.

I commend councillor Dave Derksen for speaking to our concerns at the Jan 22 council meeting and his planned attendance at the hearing. Reeve Harvie, please tell me why the MPC should not attend this hearing as a whole? To other County residents, I suggest if you think it is important for your councillor to attend, phone them and say so. Of course this is a public

hearing so anyone may come to observe, starting Wed. Feb. 5 at 9:00 am at the Lone Pine Community Hall. Let's see if the democratic process is

alive & well in Alberta, or if King Ralph is becoming a Dictator.

Sincerely,  
Murray Marsh

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- Regular Council: February 24, 2003
- Corporate Services: February 13, 2003
- MPC: February 19, 2003
- Community Services: February 25, 2003

### NOTICE

The next meet the taxpayers meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2003 from 7:00-8:30pm in Council Chambers. Come out and discuss your issues with your elected officials.

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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## County needs to look at validity of new administration building plebiscite

Dear Editor,

Re: Stay in proceedings of new Administration Building spending.

The agenda at this month's meeting of the Mountain View County Tax Payers Association held in Sundre on Jan. 16, 2003 included discussion and ultimate vote in favor of requesting an "investigation and ruling of the County Administration and Council's motion to proceed with an approximate \$35,000.00 study to approve spending for a new administration building".

The Administrator for the County has from time to time stated that the plebiscite and/or the voting method on the election ballot during the 2001 County election was illegal. The ballot read, "Should Mountain View County proceed with construction of a new Administration Building".

The vote was over 70% against the construction of a new building but the present County Officials have blatantly denied the tax payers an official explanation other than the interpretation of the by-law by the Administrator.

Many tax payers including the present executive of the Tax Payers Assoc. feel it is their right to have an official ruling by the appropriate Alberta Provincial Government Department that oversees Municipal governances of this nature.

If the Provincial Government determines the plebiscite and voting procedure were NOT ILLEGAL then the Council persons that voted in favor

of additional spending will pay for the amount spent for the study from their own resources.

Furthermore, until the County has obtained a definite ruling, along with proper clarification from the appropriate Provincial Government Department we want all spending and planning of this project suspended.

Please respond to this request and send all copies of correspondence to the addresses provided at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

Arnie Shea,

Communications Chairman MVCTPA

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## Didsbury residents need to attend to slippery sidewalks

Dear Editor,

I am writing this for all residential taxpayers who do not clean off their streets in front of their house. I fell twice trying to walk on the icy streets in a residential area. Walking on the side of the road wasn't the best idea as they are icy as well.

When I see people falling down just because you the taxpayer are too lazy to get off your easy chair and clean and put salt on the street. The bylaw does state that all streets must be maintained properly if you have a sidewalk passed your place. Maybe a heavy fine would be in order as the Town of Didsbury was busy handling complaints of people that can't walk on the streets of Didsbury.

I am handicapped and I do clean off my sidewalks if there is ice on my sidewalks. Thanks to the Walls who help me keep my sidewalk clear of snow. I spread salt at my cost so no one falls and I don't get sued.

Next time I walk down to the Post Office I would hope that the streets will be fit to walk on and no one will break their hips.

Like to walk,

S. Schultz

## IRAQ continued from Page 5

Certainly there are better ways of dealing with people and nations than threatening them with massive violence. With North Korea, which has openly declared its intentions to develop nuclear weapons, negotiation and dialogue appear to be the better strategy of the West. With Iran, the United States has developed dialogue that has softened the adversarial relationship that resulted from the US installation and support of a brutal regime under the Shah.

Canada can and should promote peaceful efforts that will offer hope to Iraqi people. A significant step for the present would be to encourage our government to take a strong position against any military attack on Iraq. The Biblical instruction, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him" points us in a positive and more helpful direction.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

# Canada should deploy troops for Iraq conflict - MP

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, says that the government must deploy our Canadian forces to the Persian Gulf to help enforce United Nations resolution 1441.

"If Saddam Hussein continues to defy the United Nations resolution, Canada must do its part and work with its allies to disarm this dangerous Iraqi regime," said Thompson.

"As usual, the Liberal government appears divided and confused about Canada's position on any potential military intervention in Iraq. Its time for the Prime Minister to show some leadership and support the work of our allies - the United States, Britain, Australia, and others - as they work with the United Nations to ensure there are consequences if Iraq does not comply with existing UN resolutions," stated Thompson.

"The government should not become preoccupied with the process by which Saddam disarms, but rather focus on the objective: full disarmament of Iraq. The Canadian Alliance will continue to pressure the government to work with our allies to ensure that Saddam disarms peacefully," concluded Thompson.

TOWN

# Bowden administrator disputes Didsbury's utility comparison numbers

by Richard Westlund

Town of Didsbury numbers that ranked Bowden as the most expensive place for a senior to live are wrong, a Bowden Town employee stated last week.

At Didsbury Town Council's Jan. 16 regular meet a Municipal Utility Billing Comparison was released which showed a Bowden single senior would pay \$44.75 per month - the most in the surrounding area.

Town Administrator Darryl Joyce said those numbers are incorrect. According to Joyce a single senior would pay just \$30.31 per month for water, sewer and garbage collection charges.

The comparison showed that Didsburians, for the most part, are paying slightly higher fees for water, sewer and garbage collection. With the changes to Bowden's numbers Didsbury is the highest in the single senior category.

Ten municipalities were included in the comparison.



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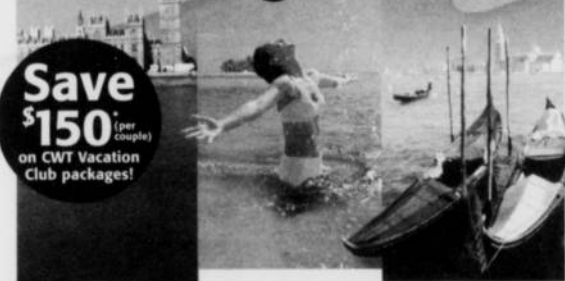
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# Genetically modified food changing farming

by Christy Dunning

If you have recently eaten soy sauce in a Chinese restaurant, munched on popcorn in a movie theatre, indulged in a candy bar or simply cooked using canola oil - chances are you've ingested GM foods.

Scientists today have the ability to cut out particular parts of an organism's genes, make copies of that part and then put them back together, thus creating Genetically modified food.

"We've discovered nature's scissors, Xerox machine and scotch tape," said Dr. Bob Church, guest speaker at this year's Farm/City Night. This is not the creation of a new organism but rather combining the best parts of several things into a better product.

AgriVantage Chairman Les Brost doesn't see anything wrong with genetically modified organisms (GMOs); however, is concerned with the lack of rigorous long-term testing that is needed for any new product on the market. The new phenomenon of GMOs and their quick adoption into the food system leaves no chance for the testing of long-term effects. **Perception that scientists are playing God**

Many people in today's society believe that when scientists start manipulating organisms at a genetic level they are messing with things they should not.

We live in a society that often puts the topic of genetic engineering into the context of cloning, an issue that is very sensitive at this point. Dr. Church argued that this emotional extreme is not the reality of the situation.

Biotechnology has played a large role already in the production of all types of foods for human consumption. Animal production processes such as feed additives, vaccines, growth promoters, genetic diagnosis, pedigree fingerprinting, designer bloodlines and designer feeds, have been in use for quite some time.

By 1999 gene-modified ingredients appeared in nearly two-thirds of all processed food in North America. "The general public doesn't have any choice," said Brost, commenting that the occurrence of transpecies manipulation has made the choice to go organic a hard one to follow. A consumer would be hard pressed to find any canola oil on the market that has not been manipulated in some way.

In 2000 nearly 110 million acres of land around the world were planted with GMO crops, mostly consisting of soy beans, corn, cotton and canola. Examples of some other GMO products are; sweet potatoes that are resistant to devastating viruses in Africa, rice with higher levels of iron and vitamins that will help chronic malnutrition in Asia and other parts of the world, and plants that are stronger and more able to survive weather extremes. A huge benefit to ar-

eas like Alberta.

In the future we can look forward to bananas that produce human vaccines against infectious diseases such as hepatitis B, fish that mature much faster, and fruit and nut trees that produce yields much faster. These are just a few of the options that are coming available to the science of farming.

In the year 2000, only four countries controlled 99 per cent of the world's genetically modified crops: United States with 68 per cent, Argentina with 23 per cent, Canada with seven per cent and China with one per cent.

Genetically modified crop growth is expected to plateau in industrialized countries, but is increasing dramatically in developing countries.

Feeding a growing population Dr. Church spoke in favour of the growing GMO industry as a vital part of agriculture now and in the future. He argued that only through the use of biotechnologies can safe, sustainable and cheap food continue to feed the growing population of the planet.

Today 5.7 billion people are fed on the same amount of land that fed only 3 billion in the 1960s.

Besides this growing demand for food, producers face many other new challenges. Environmental issues are among the greatest of these, with new laws and regulations directing farmers how and where they can grow and maintain their crops. Animal welfare is also a new issue that ranchers must deal with, ensuring the proper care and humane treatment of their stock.

As the gap between producer and consumer grows the consistency, quality and safety of products is increasingly troublesome.

"It used to be that a farmer would hear about it if they sold food that was of poor quality," said Church. Without any contact between producers and consumers many farmers are quashing their responsibilities, leaving quality control in the hands of grocery stores and distributors.

**Regulating a new age of food production**

A "novel food" is one that has not previously been used as food, whose production process has not previously been used, or the product has been genetically manipulated in some way. Novel crops are produced in labs and studied under complete environmental isolation in growth chambers or greenhouses.

Novel foods are regulated by Health Canada to ensure their safety before they are introduced in to the Canadian food system. Safety assessments are conducted to show that the food is safe and nutritious for humans.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regulates products by assessing the potential risk of detrimental environmental effects and regulates import permits of the items.

Tests are conducted for composition, toxicity, allergens on new products in comparison to their traditional organic counterparts. Only products deemed as safe as their organic equivalents are approved. Decision documents describing product assessments and results are published by the CFIA and Health Canada and are available as public record.

According to Health Canada 50 genetically modified foods have been approved for consumption in Canada to date.

"Genetic modification is a big issue for farmers," said Kiwanis Club President Dave Hiebert, during his introduction. "Evenings like this give us a chance to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities."



Alberta Energy and Utilities Board  
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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD  
APPLICATION NO. 1283973  
SOLEX GAS PROCESSING CORP.  
APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE AMENDMENT TO AN  
EXISTING SOUR GAS PLANT AND FOR NEW PIPELINES  
HARMATTAN-EKTON FIELD  
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS  
ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT  
APPLICATIONS NO. 014-10154 AND 001-191282  
SOLEX GAS PROCESSING CORP.

Take Notice that the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) and Alberta Environment (AENV) may continue to process these applications without further notice if no submissions are received on or before **March 7, 2003**.

**Nature of Application No. 1283973**  
Solex Gas Processing Corp. (Solex) submitted an application in accordance with Section 29 (1)(b) of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act for approval to modify its existing Harmattan-Ekton sour gas plant located at Legal Subdivision (LSD) 9, Section 27, Township 31, Range 4, West of the 5th Meridian. Solex proposes to install two new 1660 kilowatt (kW) compressors at the Harmattan-Ekton sour gas plant (approximately 27 km west of Didsbury and 15 km north of Cremona). The plant has a raw gas inlet processing capacity of 13,900 x 10<sup>3</sup> cubic meters per day of gas. The total sulphur inlet to the plant is at 82.7 tonnes (metric) per day of sulphur. Sulphur emissions at the plant are up to 1.1 tonnes per day at maximum plant capacity based on an approved sulphur recovery efficiency of 98.6 per cent on a quarterly calendar reporting basis. The Harmattan-Ekton sour gas plant's capacity and sulphur emission limits will remain unchanged.

In addition, Solex submitted an application in accordance with Part 4 of the Pipeline Act for approval to construct and operate two parallel natural gas pipelines (each with a maximum outside diameter of 610-millimetre (mm)) installed in a common right-of-way 8.7 kilometres (km) long, between the Nova Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) Western Alberta System at LSD 1-23-31-SWSM, and the Solex Harmattan-Ekton sour gas plant. The purpose of the pipelines is to allow Solex to reprocess up to 12,690 x 10<sup>3</sup> cubic meters per day of natural gas off the NGTL system for the purpose of extraction of natural gas liquids, and to return the processed gas to the NGTL system.

**Additional Information**  
To obtain additional information or a copy of the application contact:

Solex Gas Processing Corp.  
Attention: Rolfe Lusis  
750, 736 - 6th Avenue SW  
Calgary Alberta T2P 3T7  
Telephone: (403) 232-1426  
Fax: (403) 262-9525

A copy of the application is available for viewing at the following EUB offices:  
EUB Red Deer Field Centre  
210 Provincial Building  
4920 - 51st Street  
Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8

For information about EUB procedures contact:

Applications Branch, Facilities Applications Group  
Attention: Mr. Dale Schaffer  
Telephone: (403) 297-8189  
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E-Mail: dale.schaffer@gov.ab.ca

### To File a Submission

If you have an interest in this application and you wish to file a submission, please state in writing your reasons for filing by no later than **March 7, 2003**. Send one copy of your submission to the applicant at the name and address above and another copy to:

Mr. Dale Schaffer, Applications Coordinator  
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Alberta Energy and Utilities Board  
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### Notes

Any submission filed shall contain information detailing:

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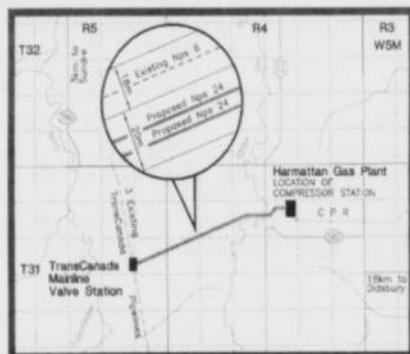
If you have an interest in this matter, you are required to make a submission with respect to this application even if you have previously filed a submission with the Board or with Solex on this application.

Submissions relating exclusively to compensation for land usage are not dealt with by the EUB but may be referred to the Alberta Surface Rights Board.

### EPEA APPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, Solex Gas Processing Corp. has applied to Alberta Environment for: Application No. 014-10154 - an amendment to an existing approval to install two new 1660 kW compressors at the Harmattan-Ekton sour gas plant located at LSD 9-27-31-4W5M. The plant has a raw gas inlet processing capacity of 13,900 x 10<sup>3</sup> cubic meters per day of gas. The total sulphur inlet to the plant is at 82.7 tonnes (metric) per day of sulphur.

Application No. 001-191282 - an approval to construct two parallel 610 mm pipelines installed in a common right of way 8.7 km long, between the NGTL Western Alberta System at LSD 1-23-31-SWSM and the Solex Harmattan-Ekton sour gas plant. The purpose of the pipelines is to allow Solex to reprocess up to 12,690 x 10<sup>3</sup> cubic meters per day of natural gas off the NGTL system for the purpose of extraction of natural gas liquids, and to return the processed gas to the NGTL system.



Pursuant to section 73 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by these operations may submit a written statement of concern regarding these applications. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeal Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

Director of Southern Region  
Alberta Environment  
Regulatory Approvals Center  
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Statements of concern must be submitted within 30 days from the date of this advertisement. Please quote Application No. 014-10154 when submitting a statement of concern in regards to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act application for the sour gas plant and Application No. 001-191282 for the pipeline application.

**NOTE: A statement filed regarding this application becomes public record, which are accessible by the public.**

Submissions related to compensation for land use are beyond the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment. Copies of the applications and additional information can be obtained from Solex Gas Processing Corp. at the address noted above. Issued at Calgary, Alberta on January 28, 2003.

Michael J. Bruni, O.C., General Counsel

## Schools wait for more funds

by Carla Victor

A meeting between Chinook's Edge Superintendent Jim Gibbons and the Ministry of Infrastructure went as well as could be expected without any extra money being announced for Didsbury's two modernization projects.

Gibbons met with staff from Infrastructure, Jan. 28, to discuss funding shortfalls to the modernization of two Didsbury schools, Ross Ford Elementary and Didsbury High.

"I would say they listened with a sympathetic/empathetic ear but at that point in time they were still stuck with no more money," said Gibbons.

Ross Ford and Didsbury High have al-

ready been approved for provincial modernization funding.

A 1999 facility evaluation audit determined an amount needed by the schools and 90 per cent of those audited funds were advanced to Chinook's Edge.

When an architect was called in it was soon learned the cost of each modernization was much higher because of things missed in the original facility evaluation and the cost of construction had also gone up.

Jeff Paruk, executive assistant to Infrastructure Minister Ty Lund, said his department is expecting more money and since Didsbury has already been approved, they are at the top of the list for funding needs.



# Lifestyles

Features • Community Clubs • Religion • Local Personalities

## Singer will be featured on compilation CD

A local 17 year old Grade 12 student by the name of Melinda Garland is 1 out of over 400 entries chosen to sing on a compilation CD, produced by Western Star Discovery of Calgary, and to be released in the spring of 2003.

Melinda has been singing since the age of 4, doing an exact likeness of each Disney movie hit since, The Little Mermaid. She has sung at the closing ceremonies for the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Didsbury. She also sang our national anthem at the 2000 Grad and the Didsbury Rodeo this past year. Melinda has been taking voice lessons from Monika with a K Musik Studio in Carstairs for approximately 3 years.



Melinda Garland

Last year Melinda competed in venues all over south - central Alberta in the under 18 category for the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame singing Contest. The very first night she sang at Thorncliffe Community Centre in Calgary, she won and got to repre-

sent them at the finals in June 2002. Melinda sang with the DHS Jazz band at their Christmas Band concert at Westglen School last year as well.

Melinda likes all kinds of music including some Country/ Rock/ Pop/R&B/Jazz/ some Japanese Pop and of course seasonal favourites. Some of her favourite female entertainers are Celine Dion, Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Leann Rimes and Billie Holliday. An entertainment fund-raiser for Melinda is in the works for February 28, 2003 at the DHS gym. Watch next weeks paper for more information and details. There will be lots of local talent as well as some surprise guest performers.

## Mount View Lodge News

by Annie Caush

Hi all -

We are out of quarantine after a bad bout with the flu, and now that the weather is warmer we will be able to get out for a bit.

Everything went on much as usual here except that no one could come in. The staff did a super job of caring for the sick and the rest of us got our meals as usual and carried on with some activities.

We had the January Birthday Party last week. Don Bennett and his group of singers came and sang for us and then stayed for cake and coffee. Those celebrating January birthdays are

Mildred Rodwell, Ruth Stauffer and Harry Palamar. Best wishes all.

The Catholic Ladies came after the quarantine was lifted and called Bingo one afternoon and the Linden Choir came on Sunday night so we feel we are getting back to "normal" living. Thanks all for being so understanding.

On Friday we celebrated Bobbie Burns Day with bagpipe music at noon by Stuart Munro and a special Scottish dinner.

In the afternoon we shared souvenirs from Scotland and had music by Mary Anne Jakobsen and in the evening a video of Scotland. All very enjoyable.



Laura Milne snuggles up with her dad Duncan Milne at Ross Ford School last week during Family Literacy Day.

## Ross Ford students celebrate literacy with parents

by Richard Westlund

Ross Ford Elementary School looked like a scene from a giant house right before bedtime as parents and students donned their pyjamas in order to celebrate Family Literacy Day on Jan. 27.

Filling the library, hallways and classrooms of the school were adults and kids bundled up together with a book between them. Together they celebrated the national initiative.

Ross Ford Vice Principal Laura Lee Hrabok said the idea to have everyone in their pyjamas came from the suggestion of a Grade 2 student who said he liked reading best right before bedtime.

Hrabok added that it is at home where people first experience the world of reading.

"I believe home is the very first place

**"I believe home is the very first place people are exposed to books - the environment is just so cosy."**

- Laura Lee Hrabok,  
Vice Principal

people are exposed to books - the environment is just so cosy," she said.

The idea to have parents come in for the event unfolded through Ross Ford's Spirit Group. The group includes one parent rep from each classroom who talk about ideas parents and students can implement together.

Hrabok said the process gets kids involved and helps to teach them leadership skills.

## Native rodeo photo exhibit arrives at Didsbury library

A touring photographic exhibition, featuring black and white portraits of Native rodeo participants, will be displayed at the Didsbury Library until the end of the month.

Riders of the West features 25 black and white photographs compiled by Calgary artist Linda MacCannell. Her images provide insight and historical documentation into the little known native rodeo circuit in Al-

berta and southwestern United States.

MacCannell said she learned of the event through another photograph she took of a Navajo man climbing into a Trans Am sporting a Pro Rodeo bumper sticker.

"At that time I didn't know rodeo was the fastest growing sport on the Navajo Nation, nor did I know that southern Alberta had three separate Indian rodeo cow-

boy associations," wrote MacCannell in her book *Riders of the West: Portraits From Indian Rodeo*.

MacCannell would drive 20,000 miles over the next seven years documenting the subject.

The exhibition is currently travelling through the southern and central parts of Alberta and is supported by the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

## LIFESTYLES

## SONS OF NORWAY NEWS

## Violinist to perform at Fish Supper

by Noreen Olson

A cold night with blowing snow made for a small turnout at our January meeting. Zone 4 Director Russ Wiggs, Alison Wiggs and Sonia Kennedy had come from Calgary and were very welcome guests. President Ralph Olson opened the meeting and then turned it over to Russ whom we were pleased to have preside over our annual Installation Ceremony.

Correspondence included Scholarship Applications for District 4 funds, a letter from Trollhaugen Arts and Culture Society asking for donations of raffle items and informing us that Red Deer Lodge will be the next host group but will need help. The Leifette (District 7 Newsletter) and a letter from the Olds Aquatic Centre asking if we would like to contribute to their Mural Project.

The Committee and Organizers for the Fish Dinner re-

ported that things were falling into place. This is an enormous project for a small group and we are very appreciative of the many members who work so hard to make it a success. Weeks of preparation are involved and hundreds of man/woman hours but the result is very satisfying and the guests that keep returning consider it a highlight in their year. We hope to be able to continue the tradition.

This year we have an added attraction, Kristina Borg will be playing her violin.

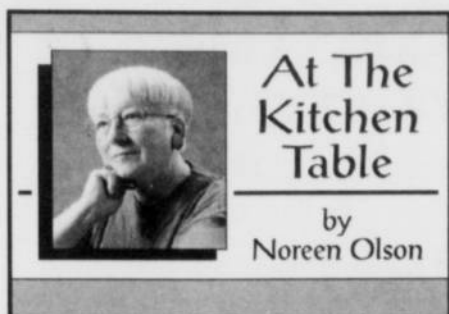
More of our upcoming events are a possible Family Sports day Feb. 9 in the Kananaskis, Zone 4 Sports Weekend in Claresholm Feb. 21, 22, 23, our own Sports Day on March 23 at the Bowling Alley and Spring Fling on May 3. Annual Camp Out will be at Westward Ho on June 21. Watch for details in your Newsletter. Spring Fling Tickets will

be available at the Fish Supper.

Under Good of the Order Leif and Ralph both thanked Calgary for the great 75th Anniversary party and the excellent Dinner. They also congratulated Sonia Kennedy as the new president of Valhalla Lodge. Presentations were made to members who have become Life Members of the Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada. These include Thordis Kamp, Leif Terner, Marion Dahlgren and Inga Fobes.

Russ Wiggs thanked us for the Invitation to conduct our Installation and offered a few words on Communication and Membership. Ralph thanked Russ for coming. We all made another valiant try in our continuing effort to sing Ingrid's Song, closed with the Queen and adjourned for wine and cheese.

Next meeting is February 24, 8 PM at the Evergreen Centre. Guests are Welcome.



I have never heard of the ORFORD Collection but their catalogue arrived this week and they must be a reasonably substantial company because they say that by returning the enclosed order form we automatically appear on the list of candidates for their new \$350,000.00 Sweepstake. Mind you, the envelope that the order form is returned in has little boxes that you are supposed to check, a. Yes I am ordering, please ship to the address on the order form and b. No I am not ordering but please enter me in your Sweepstake.

If you were trying to drum up business by running a Sweepstake and a bunch of cheapskates entered without buying anything would you give them the same chance as the lady who ordered an Anti Insomnia Wristband and a set of Hair Removal Mittens? I wouldn't, I would put their envelope straight into the waste basket.

The front cover features The Revolutionary 2 In 1 Pasta Pot With Built-In Strainer at only \$29.99. This is a 5 quart pot, you also get a 1 1/2 quart pot, a cheese grater and a 4 piece spatula set. What a deal, and maybe the pots are heavy enough to conduct heat evenly and not burn to the bottom and maybe steam won't exit from all those little holes, condense on the pot lid and run all over the stove, and maybe with steam shooting out of 105 holes, they won't boil dry in a matter of minutes and maybe the cheese grater will last for up to 4 uses and maybe when John Chretien retires he will move to Water Valley and take up Square Dancing.

The Window And Mirror Glass Sparkle Wipes are no temptation. I no longer have faith in window cleaners of any kind. Totally clean windows are impossible and this one, "spreads a protective shield on glass surfaces." This means that there will be some kind of film to fight for the rest of your life, and when the sun is low, dear little rainbows will show up to highlight the streaks of bird poop.

How about a clock that "makes very realistic horse sounds, neighing and galloping at every hour of the day." If you had a evil old uncle who abused and bullied you when you were a child, and he is now confined to a wheelchair in a nursing home, this is the gift for him. And for your Martha Stewart type neighbor who refinishes all her own furniture, hand crafted her own knotty pine baby furniture and has always made you feel inadequate, how about 60 paintbrushes for only \$24.99. At that price these paintbrushes are guaranteed to shed hundreds of hairs on every project she undertakes.

"Put an end to slouching and improve your posture with our powerful magnetic Back Support." This is a harness with magnets in it that is supposed to straighten your neck and back. There are before and after pictures and they are pretty convincing. In the "before," the sad looking young lady thrusts her head forward so far that she looks like a turtle and her chest is so flat it looks slightly concave. In the "after" she has a lovely smile, perfect posture and needs a size 38 C bra.

On the next page we have a Magnetic Toilet Cleaner. It's a bar that you, "simply place into your toilet tank and the high density magnetic field prevents lime particles from coating and staining tank walls, bowls etc." Now here we have the making of a very interesting situation. Supposing a person wearing a "powerful magnetic back support" unsuspectingly seats herself on a toilet that is harboring a "high density magnetic toilet cleaner" and finds herself firmly seized by the toilet tank. When I asked my husband about this he looked dubious but then he suggested an alternative. Suppose positive magnets in the back support lined up with positive magnets in the toilet cleaner. Instead of being attracted to the toilet tank you would be repelled by it and thrown to the floor. A scary situation either way.

I don't think I will be ordering from the Orford Collection.

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by Noreen Olson



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## AROUND THE CIRCLE

## Figure skating theatre fundraiser goes February 14

by Marge St.Clair

## Fri. Feb. 7

You are welcome to come to the Church of God in Carstairs for the annual Ham & Turkey Supper from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets at the door, enjoy!!

Volunteers are being asked to come forward to help in the Adult Crossing Guards program being undertaken at the schools.

Concerned citizens, grandparents, whom-ever, please call Carla at 335-4328.

## Fri. Feb. 7 &amp; Sat. Feb. 8

The Annual "Red Eye Bonspiel" will start at 7:00 p.m. Fri. at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Lots of fun for everyone. Phone entries to the D. Curling Rink 335-3661 or Curtis at 335-9402 (evenings).

## Mon. Feb. 10

There will be 2 workshops at the Didsbury Municipal Library. Today from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The subject is "Health System Personnel" and on Wed. Feb. 12, same hours the subject is "Child & Family Services Community Agencies".

There is a registration fee, lunch is included. Please call Trina 403-823-1660.

## Tues. Feb. 11

This is the morning for the Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Special music, speaker and feature. Phone Margie 335-3765 or Deb 337-2487 for reservations, there is free baby sitting.

## Thurs. Feb. 13

The annual general meeting of the Hospital Volunteers will be held in the Assembly Room at the Hospital at 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## Thurs. Feb. 13

All seniors are welcome to come to Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station) for a get together of fun - crafts, cards, singing, whatever you like. You will enjoy the outing.

## Thurs. Feb. 13

You are welcome to the Didsbury Library today at 12:00 noon for the first in a series of "Brown Bag Travel Theatre", "Summer in Denali National Park, Alaska."

This will be shown also at 7:00 p.m., bring popcorn!!

## Fri. Feb. 14

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce has ar-

anged for a speaker from the Workers Compensation Board to be present from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall (Train Station). Lunch will be available, everyone welcome.

## Fri. Feb. 14

This is the evening for the annual Dinner Theatre by the Didsbury Figure Skating Club in the M.P. Room at the Didsbury Complex. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., supper at 7:00 p.m. and the play, Theatre Dids-


bury's new comedy "I Take This Man" on stage at 8:00 p.m. Tickets from Lisa O'Dell 335-9493 or Shannon Baker 335-4823.

## Sat. Feb. 15

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## LIFESTYLES

## OPINION

## Regulatory failures anger neighbours of feed lot

About 12 mi. east of Didsbury in the Lone Pine area is the confined feeding operation (CFO) of the AAA Cattle Company Ltd. (AAA). Feedlot licensing and compliance issues passed from the local MD to the Province's Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) effective Jan. 1, 2002.

In December, 1997 an application was made to the MD for a permit to feed 2500 head of cattle followed in February, 1998 by an application to Alberta Environment for a water license which was granted in the amount of 39,000 gal per day, more than twice the requirement for 2500 head.

In the early spring of 1998 site preparation began, followed shortly by the construction of pens and facilities. Cattle soon followed.

In August, 1999 the MD wrote to AAA noting the cattle on site and drawing attention to the additional information still required for the development permit. By then 20 months had passed, AAA had operated for a year and a half, and there still was no permit.

**What is the point of having by-laws and (theoretically) enforcement?**

Spring 2000 saw additional pens constructed. A councillor visited the site, talked to AAA



ROBERT AUSTIN  
GREEN MATTERS

principals and drew the situation to the attention of the development officer. Pens were in place for 6500 head and cattle numbers were increasing.

On December 19, 2000 a permit was finally issued for 2500 head.

**Why did it take three years to issue this permit and why was the operation allowed to operate without a permit?**

It seems the residents, in general, were poorly served by their elected representatives. At the same time the immediate neighbours were becoming alarmed by what appeared to be continued substantial expansion of the feedlot facilities.

In October 2001 AAA applied

for water exploration to add 95 000 gal per day to the existing permit. Neighbours advised MD that cattle numbers exceeded permit, MD requested reduction in cattle or new permit application. Inventory was 5600 head.

NRCB took over licensing responsibility Jan 2002 MD heaved a sigh of relief, they were off the hook!

Concurrently AAA applied for a permit for 18,200 head. NRCB declined to process the application because of non-compliant status with county permit.

In March the NRCB issued an enforcement order to reduce cattle numbers to 2500 head by Aug. 31 after which a new application could be considered.

April 1 inventory of 4464 head was determined by NRCB.

Meantime the neighbours in the area were thoroughly aroused. They met in April to formally organize the Committee for Lone Pine (CLP), its purpose being to monitor the environmental dangers of the large feedlot and the compliance issue (or lack thereof) with the NRCB. Thousands of cattle produce substantial amounts of manure that must be spread on agricultural land and incorporated into the soil. When pens are cleaned and

manure spread there will certainly be an odour factor. There is risk of groundwater pollution and after 4 years of extreme drought, nobody knows what effect the withdrawal of huge amounts of water from the local aquifer will have on other wells.

Dated July 17, 2002 the MD reported to the NRCB concerning the application for 18 200 head citing the following:

1. A new catchment pond will be required,

2. An additional water license will be necessary,

3. Community issues are unresolved,

4. Considering present circumstances an application for 9100 head would be more appropriate, giving a chance for the various concerns to be resolved and an opportunity for the operator to demonstrate compliance. From April to August the cattle inventory ran between 4000 and 4400 head. On Aug. 26, 2002 AAA requested a 60 day extension to the NRCB enforcement order, which was promptly granted. What is an NRCB enforcement order worth? Especially with an operator who has a history of not months, but years of non-compliance.

When the Province took over the responsibility of licens-

ing CFO's, it gave as a main reason the fact that MD's were slipshod in their licensing and enforcement policies. Do we see much change?

On Nov. 1, the NRCB Approval Officer denied approval for the expansion of the feedlot and AAA immediately applied for a further stay of the earlier enforcement order. The NRCB held a hearing in Didsbury on Nov. 27 - 28 and decided to hold in abeyance its enforcement of the March 21, 2002 order to reduce to 2500 the cattle on the lot. A further meeting is to be held Feb. 5, 2003. Whose interests have the Municipal Planning Commission and the Natural Resources Conservation Board been serving? We still have a feed lot operation that has never been in full compliance with its permit since it began operation 5 years ago. We still have a growing potential for groundwater pollution, odour nuisance, overdrafting of aquifer ability, and eventual degradation of soil quality due to over application of manure.

**But worst of all we do not have a regulatory and enforcement system that works.**

**Do you care?**

Robert Austin is a former businessman and educator who now lives in Didsbury.

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## FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

# Winter Festival is growing in number of events

Are you remembering that Family Day Weekend is not only a long weekend and a day off work (for some lucky people, anyway), but it is also Winter Festival in Didsbury?

Fun is planned all weekend through starting on Friday night at 7:00 p.m., the Didsbury Skating Club is hosting a Dinner Theatre with Theatre Didsbury's performance of "I take this man". What an appropriate title for you and your sweetheart to go and see on Valentine's day!

The fun continues on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for the children with Deano the Magic Man. Deano has been voted Calgary's best children's entertainer. He has amazed audiences of all ages with his brand of Comedy Magic that he performs. Deano the Magic Man provides a fun, fast-paced, and magical extravaganza for audiences of all ages. His show not only includes incredible magic, but also laughter and comedy. There will be a \$2 admission per person for this show.

Continuing on Saturday, Yuk Yuks will be in Town to

entertain our bigger children (ages 18 and over, please). Doors open at 8:00 p.m., and the show will be from approximately 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Town Office or at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre for \$10 per person or \$18 per couple.

Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., a Toonie Breakfast will satisfy your taste buds. This event will occur in Kinsmen park (pending weather, otherwise, it will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room).

After the breakfast, get ready for some old fashioned family fun with games and activities in the park from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If this isn't enough fun for you, head over to the Didsbury Memorial Complex where there will be Public Skating from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. This will not be an ordinary public skate, but ice activities will be planned to keep you busy.

The regular public skating admission of \$2 per person will apply as well as all arena regulations.

Sunday night, the Febru-

ary Family Fun Pizza Night will take place from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For only \$10 per family, come out for pizza, beverages, skating and fun!

Last but not least, Holiday Monday! On Monday, the new outdoor sports park name will be unveiled. Did you vote for your preference of name? Following this, a celebrity hockey game with Didsbury Volunteer Sector versus Didsbury Business Sector will take place from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00

p.m. If you would like to submit your name for either team, please contact Alana at 335-7369.

To wrap up Winter Festival, Beef on a Bun will be served in the Multi-Purpose

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Come out for a weekend full of fun in Didsbury with Didsbury Winter Festival! For more information, please contact Alana at 335-7369.

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We need your help, though! We have had a few players from the Business Sector come forward, but we still need more. We are also in need of people from the Volunteer Sector. This

is a great opportunity to have some fun and to give some exposure to your businesses and organizations. The game will be held on Holiday Monday commencing at 2:00 p.m.

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## LIFESTYLES

## RESPONSIBLE GARDENING

## Good soil a first step in obtaining beautiful gardens

by Deb Whitmore

As I sit here trying to will the cold and snow into submission, it's somewhat difficult to focus on gardening. I can barely visualize the lushness of green grass so I'm finding it difficult to imagine mowing and planting. But I also know that eventually the winter will relent and give way to spring and we will happily dig and plant and mulch again. While I had originally thought to write this second article about lawn care, I realized that there is one constant and very important element that all gardening requires, and is essentially the starting point for great plant health - good quality soil.

Now I know you are all probably thinking "Just get on with the gardening techniques". Attaining and maintaining a high level of soil quality is, in fact, a gardening technique that is of the utmost importance. If we want to have healthy plant material that can be maintained with a reduced pesticide-use regime then we have to ensure that the soil is healthy enough to support the plants we want to grow.

As I'm sure everyone already knows, our environment is made up of many different ecosystems. One of these ecosystems is the soil, which is constantly changing. Soil is made up of silt, clay, sand, fungi, bacteria, animals and a variety of decaying organic matter. Soil is a living community that requires cold and heat, air, sun and water in order to sustain the life that it holds. There are literally thousands of organisms that live beneath our feet and they are important in growing and sustaining beautiful, healthy lawns and gardens.

There are 3 elements of soil, which we need to pay attention to - structure, texture and tilth. Three different particle types these being clay, silt and sand - define soil texture. Clay particles are the smallest of the 3 and stick together tremendously well. Because of this characteristic, clay doesn't drain well and the particles stick tightly together. Silt particles are larger than those of clay. It doesn't hold together well, and while it doesn't drain quickly, it does drain faster than clay. Sand is easy to work, has the largest particles of the 3 and barely holds together. It drains very easily

and frequently requires the addition of nutrients, water and decomposed organic matter (humus). Most soils are a combination of these three textures in various proportions. The best soil for plant growth is loam, which contains these 3 textures in close to equal proportions. In addition to soil texture, we also need to pay attention to soil structure and tilth. Tilth is the workability of the soil. If a soil is easily worked then it has good tilth. Structure is the soil particles' ability to hold together and is considered good if it has a crumbly quality.

Now that we have good soil texture, tilth and structure we need to ensure that the soil holds enough nutrients to feed the plants we want to grow. These are found in varying amounts in all soils and are supplied by mineral substances. They provide food and energy to all plant tissues. While chemical fertilizers do add nutrients, they do not improve soil quality and we need to make sure that both of these things are being accomplished. Water, the most essential plant nutrient, and air provide the soil and plants with carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. There are a variety of nutrients that are essential for plant growth, flowering and fruiting which are supplied by organic matter within the soil. These nutrients - nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sulfur, iron, boron, manganese, zinc, molybdenum, copper and chlorine - can be maintained at levels that keep your plants thriving by adding compost, well-rotted manure, green manure, bone meal, dolomitic lime, blood meal and wood ashes to your garden soil and lawns.

Now that you have this knowledge, what do you do with it? Well the first thing to do is know your soil and understand that it's your job to maintain the soil in its best condition as well as replace the nutrients that have been used up by your plants. If there isn't enough organic matter - about 5 to 10% - then you need to add compost, well-rotted manure, green manure or a combination. This should be done every year because the nutrients are depleted each year by the plants you grow. Also, make sure your soil drains well. In other words, if after a rainfall or watering there are puddles that don't seem to drain, you probably

need to add organic matter and sand to improve drainage. Don't overdo it with the sand though. Remember that soil should stay damp just below the surface about 1 to 2 inches and the sand content shouldn't exceed an amount equal to that of the clay and silt. It would also be useful to know the pH level of your soil. Most plants prefer a soil pH of about 6.0 - 7.5. There are kits available to test the pH in your soil if you think there might be a problem. Low pH (acidic) can be adjusted by adding elemental sulfur. High pH (alkaline) can be adjusted by adding limestone. This adjustment won't occur the moment you amend the soil but over time it will alter the pH level. The addition of organic matter also plays a part in pH reduction.

By performing these few simple tasks your soil should become a healthy and nutritious environment for all your plant life. Of course, it's important to remember that some plants have very specific requirements - azaleas, for instance, like acidic soils but for most plants the aforementioned tasks should do the trick. If you would like more information about soil, or almost anything to do with gardening for that matter, check out a great website that I found while writing this article. It is an American site, so some of the plants listed may not do so well here, but there is an absolute wealth of information to be explored. The site is called Garden Gate and you can find it at [www.gardenaotemagazine.com](http://www.gardenaotemagazine.com). It's free and very easy to navigate. If you don't have the internet at home you can get online at the Didsbury Library.

The next Responsible Gardening article will be in 2 weeks and I will be covering the topic of starting a lawn. So if you have just moved into a new house, or maybe want to install a lawn where one doesn't presently exist, I'll hopefully be able to help you out. Until then enjoy planning your gardens and above all else, stay warm!

Deborah Whitmore, B.A.H.T. is the Urban Environment Technician Town of Didsbury and Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board Town Liaison.

## Business program expands into area

Living in rural Alberta has many benefits. Unfortunately, the trade off for small town life can be that well paying jobs may be few and far between.

Many rural Albertans are overcoming the challenges of rural living through self-employment.

Local business owner Wendy Hillis (Global Grounds Internet Coffee House) says "I just wanted to get back to small town living, but there were no jobs in my area of expertise, so I started a café which lets me earn a living and stay in Linden."

Wild Rose Economic Development Corporation, a local business and career support agency, has been working with rural entrepreneurs since 1989.

They believe that self-employment is a great way to meet career goals and still live in rural areas. The unfortunate thing about self-employment is that many small businesses don't survive their first year of business.

This is attributed to new entrepreneur's lack of basic skills and inexperience with the business planning process.

In response to a growing need, Wild Rose has recently expanded its small business-training program to the Three Hills and Olds Region. The Self-Employment Program offers unemployed Albertans and EI Recipients who have a viable business idea, the opportunity to start their business in a supportive training environment.

Qualified individuals may be able to retain their Employment Insurance for a maximum of 26 weeks. The program is a must for new entrepreneurs and includes workshops on business plans, cash flow management, bookkeeping, marketing, customer service, business operations and much more. Call Eliza Hogan today to register for an orientation session 1-888-881-9675.

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# Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Brotsma

## Zion Church workers travel to Ukraine for ministry

In answer to a call for help, two members of the youth ministry at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in town are on their way to the Ukraine this month.

Youth Minister, Colin Creighton, and Youth Worker, Justin Braun, will depart for Sumy, Ukraine on February 19th on a two-week ministry opportunity at the Sumy Regional Bible College. "A missionary friend of mine, John Paetkau, called with an opportunity to help. He and his wife, Leanne, have been working with the church primarily with youth ministry..." explains Creighton. "I have been asked to teach a week of youth ministry courses to approximately 25 of the 75 students currently enrolled there."

Justin Braun, Creighton's traveling companion, is currently at grade 12 student interested in gaining more experience in the area of youth ministries. "...It became clear that a trip like this could be an invaluable experience for Justin," says Creighton. "This experience will be a tremendous opportunity for mentoring as well as observing for Justin. It will be a time that he can see youth ministry in a completely different context." Upon graduation from grade 12, Justin hopes to enter into the youth ministry program at Peace River Bible Institute.

The Zion Church in Didsbury has been supportive of the ministry in Sumy, Ukraine for many years as an extension of the local ongoing ministry. The

Sumy Regional Bible College is situated in the top northeast corner of the Ukraine with a population of approximately 300,000 people.

Since it was first opened in 1996, the Sumy Regional Bible College formed five different faculties, with each consisting of specialized study tracks specific to the area of ministry specialization. "I will be teaching a course on 'Purpose Driven Youth Ministry'," says Creighton adding that for that reason training at the school is provided in a modular format so that students can continue to serve their local churches as they study.

Students come from all areas of the region, and service in churches both large and small. The primary language



Colin Creighton and Justin Braun

spoken at the school is Russian. "We will be speaking to the students through a translator. "I'm hoping this proves to be a very rewarding experience for Justin - a time where he can see youth ministry in a completely different context..."

time for mentoring."

SEND International is the organizational body overseeing the mission to Sumy. Anyone interested in sponsoring donations can be accommodated by calling the Zion Missionary Church.



Marlene Pieper

## Hospital searching for adult volunteers

Finding yourself with a little too much time on your hands lately? Why not consider becoming a volunteer at the Didsbury Hospital?

This Thursday, February 6th, the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary hope to see a few more friendly faces around the table as the result of a volunteer recruitment drive they are currently undertaking.

Right now we have about 15-20 members...but we could always use more," says Ladies Auxiliary President Marlene

Pieper, who has been working as a volunteer with the Hospital for about three years now. "I used to work as a porter for awhile, but I felt I needed something more, so someone invited me to one of the Ladies Auxiliary meetings and, well, here I am..."

According to Pieper, there are no set pre-requisites for joining the Auxiliary and becoming a volunteer. "All you have to do is pass a mandatory police check, and you're away," she says.

Duties include such functions as helping with the concession cart, meals-on-wheels, serving pie and ice-cream to the patients, and helping raise money for the hospital through such fund-raisers as bake sales and teas. Pieper says one of the best parts of being a volunteer with the Ladies Auxiliary is that you can select which hours and/or shifts you would like to work. "I think a lot of people are afraid that they'll get into too much when they sign up for something like this, but you

can dictate how much or how little you want to work. We are very flexible."

Anyone interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer at the Hospital is encouraged to attend the meeting this Thursday (February 6th) at 2:00 pm in the Boardroom. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room on Thursday, February 13th at 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

"I always feel that with helping others you always get more than you give."

## Handmade Valentines still mean the most

While words may be touching and the computer generated design on the mechanically dye-cut paper is pretty, chances are (like most of us) you've kept them on your shelf until March and then discretely tossed them away.

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create the most memorable Valentine's Day card ever imagined.

"Homemade Valentines can be for anyone; from anyone," says Goerzen. "It's not just something children do anymore..."

The various sessions Goerzen holds take in the skill of artful stamping and stenciling as it applies to card-making. "These can also be used as anniversary cards, I

love you cards, wedding cards, and so on...They are great for virtually any occasion."

Apart from creating something somebody will treasure, Goerzen says many of her customers find her sessions very relaxing. "I get adults between the ages of their late teens on up and have senior ladies come out very regularly," she says. "The nice thing is that once the workshop fee is paid, you don't have to purchase any supplies

and don't have to bring along any of your own either. It's hassle-free."

Rose's Stenciling Workshop takes place this Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00 pm, her Stamping Workshop takes place Tuesday, February 11th at 1:00 pm and Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 pm. The cost of each workshop is \$22.00 and includes enough materials to make four stenciled cards or two stamped cards.



Rose Goerzen



Curtis Mousseau

## Catch the Red Eye at the curling rink

Can't sleep? Then stop trying and come out to join dozens of other happy (albeit red-eyed) curlers this weekend at the Didsbury Curling Rink for the 3rd Annual Red Eye Bonspiel.

Beginning Friday, February 7th and running straight through the night to Saturday, February 8th, over 30 rinks of curlers from across the region will sweep and throw their way through the

night.

Organizer Curtis Mousseau says the draws will be set out in such a way that there will be approximately four and a half hours between games. "It allows folks time to rest up a bit in between games. It's pretty standard, really..."

And if the scheduled break times aren't enough to keep you refreshed and awake, this year's theme will no doubt do

the trick. "It's a Mexican Fiesta theme this year," says Mousseau.

"...Once again prizes will be handed out for the best costume, so that should be a lot of fun along with a few other surprises along the way."

Human Curling, Mousseau explains, is a "just for fun" competition involving pushing a teammate down the ice on a plastic circular sled. "It's a

real crowd pleaser, back by popular demand."

The Red Eye Bonspiel is open to anyone (male or female) with a keen interest in curling and an even keener interest in having fun.

Entry rates are \$60.00 per team.

Anyone interested in registering for the event can call Mousseau at 335-9402 or the Didsbury Curling Rink at 335-3661.

# LIFESTYLES

UP AND DOWN THE FIREMAN'S LADDER

## Didsbury firefighters evaluation took place last month

Evaluations are necessary

by Tyrone Patten

Have you ever looked up the definition of 'procrastinate'? Me either. I keep meaning to but I always figure I'll do it later. I know, I know - it's an old joke - but it popped into my mind as I realized that yet again I have waited until the last minute to write this article. Marge, not being the procrastinating sort, gives me a week's notice to submit my bit of prose every time it's due and I always start out with the best of intentions. I do all the research immediately, but then, for one reason or another, I let it sit until the night before my deadline and with only 20

hours to spare and a slap to my forehead, I finally put pen to paper, promising myself I won't wait until the last minute next time.

Thankfully, the Fire Department doesn't follow my lead of putting off until tomorrow what can be done today. The first of December we launched a recruiting drive and already we have almost filled our roster again. Dave Jennings, Todd Hnatiuk, Ester Petersen, Ashley Stewart, Spencer MacPherson and James Rylance have already begun their training. We heartily welcome these people to the Fire Hall and look forward to getting to know them.

During the month of January, training for most of us will be yearly evaluations. Now nobody likes evaluation time, but it's important to know how much we have

learned and what we need to work on. It also gives the Training Officer a chance to find out what else we would like to learn in order to expand our knowledge and skill-set.

We are still putting all our numbers in order for 2002. We responded to over 140 calls last year. When the final breakdown of those calls is completed, I will let you know the outcome.

For the first month of 2003 we have so far responded to 5 calls. They were as follows: Ambulance Assist - 4 Nuisance Fire - 1

As the year progresses, I'm going to try to do things differently with this column perhaps add some elements of excitement and entertainment? I'll definitely be putting some thought into it. I'll think about it...tomorrow.

## Focus on the Family



**QUESTION:** My husband died two years ago, leaving me and our two children behind. I have met a wonderful man - also a widower with two kids - and we plan to marry. Where should we start to build our new family? And could you identify the issues that are likely to be most difficult for us?

**DR. DOBSON:** I would strongly suggest that you get some outside help as you bring your two families together. It is extremely difficult to do that on your own, and for some people, it is impossible. If you can afford professional counseling from a marriage, family and child counselor who has dealt with blended families, it would be wise to get that assistance. A pastor also might be able to guide you, although there are some tough relationship issues to be handled by a professional who has "been there" before. One of your kids is likely to see your future husband as a usurper.

When a mother or father dies or when a divorce occurs, one child often moves into the power vacuum left by the departing parent. That youngster becomes the surrogate spouse. I'm not referring to sexual matters. Rather, that boy or girl becomes more mature than his or her years and relates to the remaining parent more as a peer. The status that comes with that supportive role is very seductive, and he or she is usually unwilling to give it up. The stepfather becomes a threat to that child. Much work must be done to bring them together. The kids' loyalty to the memory of their dad is another issue that requires sensitive handling.

In their eyes, to welcome the newcomer with open arms would be an act of betrayal. That's something understandable and something that must be worked through with your children.

I would say the greatest problem you will face, however, is the way you and your husband will feel about your kids. Each of you is irrationally committed to your own; and you're merely acquainted with the others. When fights and insults occur between the two sets of children, you will be tempted to be partial to those you brought into the world, and your husband will probably favor his own flesh and blood. The natural tendency is to let the blended family dissolve into armed camps - us against them. If the kids sense any tension between you and your husband over their clashes, they will exploit and exaggerate it to gain power over the other children, etc. I have painted a worst-case scenario in order to prepare you for what could occur. Now let me encourage you. Many of these problems can be anticipated and lessened. Others can be avoided altogether. It is possible to blend families successfully and millions have done it. But the task is difficult, and you will need some help in pulling it off.

**QUESTION:** I am 21 and also still at home. I am very comfortable there, and I plan to stay with my parents for a long time. Why not? Tell me why you think it is unwise to go on living where it is cheaper and easier than getting out on your own.

**DR. DOBSON:** There are individual situations when it makes sense to live with your parents for a longer time, and maybe yours is one of them. I would caution you, however, not to overstay your welcome. That would not be in your best interests or those of your folks. Remaining too long under the parents' roof is not unlike an unborn baby who refuses to leave the womb. He has every reason to stay awhile.

It is warm and cozy there. All his needs are met in that stress-free environment. He doesn't have to work or study or discipline himself. But it would be crazy to stay beyond the nine months intended. He can't grow and learn without leaving the security of that place. His development will be arrested until he enters the cold world and takes a few whacks on his behind. It is to everyone's advantage, and especially to the welfare of his mother, that he slide on down the birth canal and get on with life. So it is in young adulthood. Until you cut the umbilical cord and begin providing for yourself, you will remain in a state of arrested development. Remaining at home with Mom and Dad is the perpetuation of childhood. It may be time to put it behind you.

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### Pioneer

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The Didsbury gymnastics club celebrates Gymnastics Awareness Week 2003.

## Didsbury gymnasts absolutely love their sport

"I love gymnastics!" is the theme of Gymnastic Awareness Week 2003, February 8 to February 16 and Didsbury gymnasts are no different from gymnasts across Canada in this feeling.

The gymnasts of the Didsbury Gymnastics Club meet each week to work on skills that, when mastered, will help them earn their way through several badge levels according to the CanGym Program of the Alberta Gymnastics Federation. These skills will be showcased

at a Fun Meet February 24 at 5:30pm in the Ross Ford School Gym as part of the 2nd Annual Gymnathon Fundraiser. DCG gymnasts are asking to be sponsored for accomplishing skills appropriate to their badge level and they would like to invite sponsors, family and friends to this meet to witness their accomplishments. Members of the club will have official AGF sponsor sheets. All donations will go directly into the day to day operations of the club.

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## Bomersback shatters AJHL scoring record

*Carstairs product breaks 23-year-old record*

by Barry Williams

Carstairs resident, Mark Bomersback, is the most prolific scorer in the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

The Canmore Eagles captain shattered a twenty-three year old record of 337 points by scoring one goal and adding three assists in a game against the Olds Grizzlys played on Friday Jan. 31 at the Canmore Recreation Centre before 1,200 screaming fans.

Heading into the game, Bomersback shared the AJHL regular season scoring lead of 373 points with Marty Achtmichuk, a former player with the Fort Saskatchewan Traders.

In 251 games in the AJHL Bomersback now has 377 points on 134 goals and 243 assists.

Since joining the Eagles three years ago, Bomersback has become known as a complete player paying particular attention at both ends of the rink. In his rookie year, he finished sixth in league scoring with 104 points. Last year, he finished second in scoring with 107 points. He has been named a league all-star in all three seasons and placed second in balloting for the AJHL Most Valuable Player last season.

This year he is the current scoring leader with 97 points on 39 goals and 58 assists in 55 games.

Always known as a team player, it was rather fitting the record breaking point came on an assist. With the Eagles on the power play, Bomersback worked the puck into the Grizzlys' zone, drifted to the left and made a neat drop pass to Kyle Parkes, who dented the twine behind Grizzlys' netminder Jordan Ramstead.

As soon as the red light blinked, the entire Eagles' bench came onto the ice to congratulate him.

The game was delayed for about twenty minutes as the fans gave him a standing ovation and presentations were made at centre ice to commemorate the history making point. Bomersback was presented with a plaque, an AJHL watch and league apparel by AJHL president Kim Marsh, of Red Deer. Also, the Eagles and the Town of Canmore presented him with gifts.

After the game, Bomersback spoke to the media about his achievement. He praised the Eagles' organization, his teammates and Head Coach, Bob Miller.

Although there was pressure to break the record, Bomersback indicated he kept it at the back of his mind. His foremost attention was on the game at hand trying to get a victory for the Eagles.

"I am relieved the record has finally been broken," Bomersback told the media.

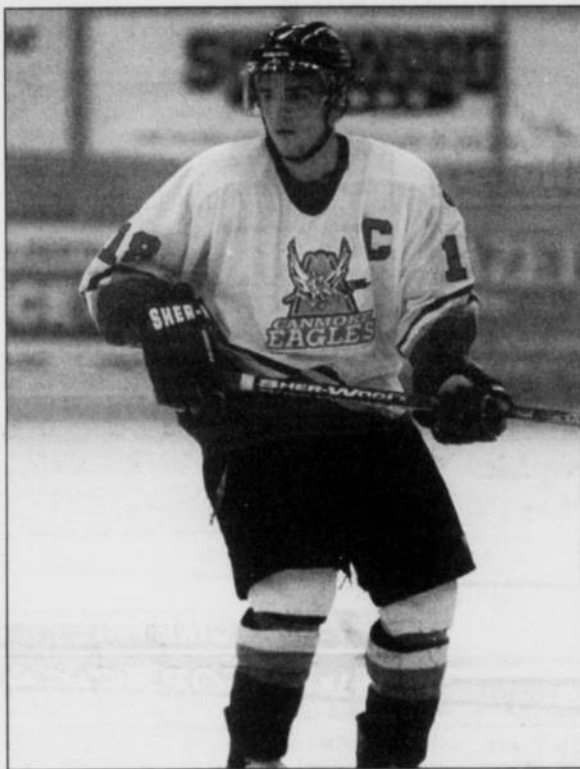


photo by Carla Victor

Mark Bomersback is the AJHL all-time leading scorer breaking a 23-year-old record.

"In the past three years, I have played with exceptional players who have helped me establish this record and they deserve credit for it too," he added.

In previous interviews, Miller has indicated

Bomersback has been a leader on and off the ice and has always played for the betterment of the team rather than individual awards.

Bomersback played most of his minor hockey in Carstairs starting in Tykes, moving up

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- Mark Bomersback, AJHL All-time scoring leader

to Atom and then played two years with the Carstairs Pee Wee AA Bruins. After playing for the Carstairs Bantam AA Bruins of the South Central AA Hockey League, the talented forward played two seasons with the Foothills Midget AAA Bisons, based in Strathmore, of the Alberta Major Midget Hockey League, where he was among the top ten in scoring both seasons.

While toiling on the ice at the Carstairs Arena, he played hockey with three former Grizzlys, Colen Pappas, Blake Van Hereweghe and Spencer Van Hereweghe. He was coached by former Grizzlys' Head Coach, Gary Van Hereweghe, winner of the 2000/2001 AJHL Coach of the Year. After leaving the Grizzlys, Van Hereweghe guided the Camrose Kodiaks to the Royal Bank Cup, emblematic of Junior A supremacy in Canada.

With 10 games left in current season play, Bomersback will no doubt add to his record.

## Grizzlys starting to slumber right before playoffs

by Barry Williams

With just 10 games left in the current AJHL season, the Olds Grizzlys are searching for a win.

In action last week, the Grizzlys lost three games and picked up a point for an over time loss. Against the Calgary Royals, the Grizzlys lost a pair of games; 8-3 at the Father David Bauer Arena in Calgary on Monday Jan. 27 and 6-4 at the Olds Sportsplex on Wednesday Jan. 29.

Over the weekend, the Grizzlys were defeated 5-4 by the Canmore Eagles in double over time at the Canmore Recreation Centre. Returning home on Saturday Feb. 1 to the Sportsplex, the Grizzlys were shellacked 10-3 by the Grande Prairie Storm.

The single point picked up by the Grizzlys against the

Eagles kept them in third place in the Rogers AT&T Wireless south division standings with 65 points two ahead of the Calgary Royals and nine points back of the Eagles for second place. With a pair of wins the Camrose Kodiaks have moved back into first place in the division with 75 points, a mere point ahead of the Eagles.

In Calgary, the Royals held a 4-3 lead heading into the third period. With a quick goal early in the final stanza by Nathan Fornataro, the Royals took the momentum and never let the Grizzlys back in the game. Greg Westlake paced the Royals offensively with a pair of goals with singletons being added by Jeremy Raulston, Blaine Larsen, Curtis Kisio, Mike Lakeland and Matt Williams-Kovacs.

For the Grizzlys, TJ Pettersson, Tyler Grover and Landis Stankiech blinked the red light behind Matt Allen, who turned aside 20 shots. Between the pipes for the Grizzlys, Jordan Ramstead managed to block 21 shots.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, the flow of the game was fairly even as both teams had periods where they controlled the game and put pressure on the opposing team. A fast paced wide open game, the Grizzlys held a one goal lead three times but let the Royals back into the encounter.

The first period was dominated by the netminders as Matt Allen and Jordan Ramstead turned aside every shot they faced and the teams headed into the dressing room scoreless.

When the buzzer sounded at the end of the second period, the teams were even at three goals apiece as Paul Bradley notched a natural hat trick for the Grizzlys. Replying for the Royals were Curtis Kisio, Matt Landsbridge and Matt Williams-Kovacs.

After Tyler Hilbert gave the Grizzlys an early 4-3 lead in the third stanza, the Royals responded with three unanswered goals off the sticks of Brett Wilson, with a pair, and Curtis Raulsten, an empty net marker.

Matt Allen was outstanding in the Royals' net blocking 35 shots. Meanwhile, Jordan Ramstead made 21 saves for the Grizzlys.

On Saturday Feb. 1, a storm blew past the Grizzlys as Grande Prairie completely dominated the game right

from the opening face-off.

The Storm's offence was blowing wild as they scored at will connecting on four power play goals and a short handed marker.

The trio of Jean-Michel Boisvert, Kyle Radke and Dustin Sather connected for six goals for the Storm. Boisvert fired a hat trick with Sather picking up a pair of goals and Radke notching a singleton.

Sean Flinn, Jason Jubb, Billy Rochefort and Jordan Menzies with a short handed goal rounded out the Storm's scoring.

For the Grizzlys, Bill Vandemeer, Tyler Rosehill and Dairmuid Kelly notched power play goals.

Eric Salsvill made 29 saves for the Storm and Jordan Ramstead blocked 31 shots.

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**Grand Opening**  
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**Alpha Course**  
St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, Didsbury invites you to their second Alpha Course on Thursday nights, Feb. 13 to April 10 at 7 p.m. for 7 weeks. Pot luck supper the first and last night at 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Rev. Bob Bettson 335-9123.

**Dinner and Dance**  
Come and support your local 4-H club. We are having a Sweethearts dinner and dance on February 15, 2003 at Rugby Hall. For tickets call 335-8767 or 337-2949.

## DIDSBURY

**Learn about Living with a Liver Disease**  
Would you like to learn more about the liver and Hepatitis C, your local chapter of the Canadian Liver Foundation is offering a free Living with a Liver Disease Program on Thursday, February 6, 2003 at the Olds Provincial Building, Staff Lounge (Bsmr) 5025-50 Street, Olds, Alberta. For more info or to register call 224-2690 or toll free 1-888-557-5516.

**Breakfast**  
Mountainview Christian Women's Club Breakfast on Feb. 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Topic - A Love Story. For reservations call Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765.

## DIDSBURY

**Coffee Party**  
Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party on Wednesday, February 12 - 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joyce Mullen. All ladies welcome to attend.

**Dinner Theatre**  
Annual Dinner Theatre for Didsbury Skating Club on Feb. 14 at the MP Room. Tickets \$20/ea. Call Lisa 335-9493 or Shannon 335-4823 or Mountain View Sports Excellence.

**CREMONA Group**  
The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

## ONGOING EVENTS

## CARSTAIRS

**RECYCLING DEPOT**  
Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

**CARSTAIRS TOPS**  
Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

## DIDSBURY

**COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY**  
Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

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New Winter hours: Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

**SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION**  
Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
General Meeting: Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

**DIDSBURY TOPS**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**  
Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

**BEAVER'S**  
Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**HALL WALKING**  
Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

## DIDSBURY

**TOY LIBRARY**  
Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

## AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

## TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

## KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge#21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

## O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**  
Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

## SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

## CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

**DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL**  
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## DIDSBURY

## INFORMATION

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## AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

## BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

**HOME HELP ASSOCIATION**  
The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES**  
Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

## OLDS

## MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

## SUNDRE

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

## ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

## AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

## DRUMHELLER

## SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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In Canmore on Friday, Jan. 31, history was made as Mark Bomersback became the AJHL all-time scoring leader by scoring the overtime winner with just five-tenths of a second left to play in the second extra period. Bomersback also picked up three assists to raise his league points total to 377 points. Bomersback record breaking point came at the three minute mark of the

first period as he assisted on Kyle Parkes' power play goal to eclipse Marty Achtmichuk's record of 373 points. Throughout the game, the Grizzlys held the majority of play peppering Eagles' netminder Patrick Lapace with 40 shots. Lapace's performance was outshadowed by Bomersback's record breaking play. In an electric charged game with over 1500 screaming fans at

the Canmore Recreation Centre, the teams delighted the fans with picture perfect goals, crisp passes and thunderous body checks. With the Eagles jumping out to a 2-1 lead in the first period, the Grizzlys evened the score at three goals apiece after forty minutes of play. In the third period, the Eagles held a 4-3 margin until the final minute of play at which time Landis Stankiechew

dented the twine for the Grizzlys sending it into over time. Nothing was decided in the first four on four five minute over time period. Solid netminding by Lapace and Ramstead kept the game exciting until the final second of the second overtime session at which time Bomersback ended it with a tick tack toe play with Kyle Parkes.



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	\$431*	\$4,000

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easy TO GET INTO:

**CASH PURCHASE PRICE** OR **SMARTLEASE** WITH  
**\$22,568\*\*** **\$298\*** **\$0**  
INCLUDES FREIGHT OF \$480 PER MONTH/48 MONTHS  
\$335 SECURITY DEPOSIT  
1.4% LEASE RATE

SmartLease Options	Monthly Payment	Down Payment
	\$240*	\$2,500
	\$206*	\$4,000

what YOU get:

- Vortec 4300 V6 180HP Engine • Automatic Transmission with Overdrive • Air Conditioning
- ABS • Cruise Control • Stereo with CD Player

what YOU get:

- Industry-exclusive Convert-a-Cab™ system allows you to go from a 5 Passenger SUV to a Pickup Truck with an 8'1" cargo box in less than a minute • Vortec 5300 V8 285HP Engine • Automatic Transmission with Overdrive and Tow/Haul Mode



\*Administration fees and certain taxes may be payable on signing.

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